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REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2006, the response to which is due November 1, 2006, the Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks.

The Applicant does not believe that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in the documents accompanying this paper. If extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.